

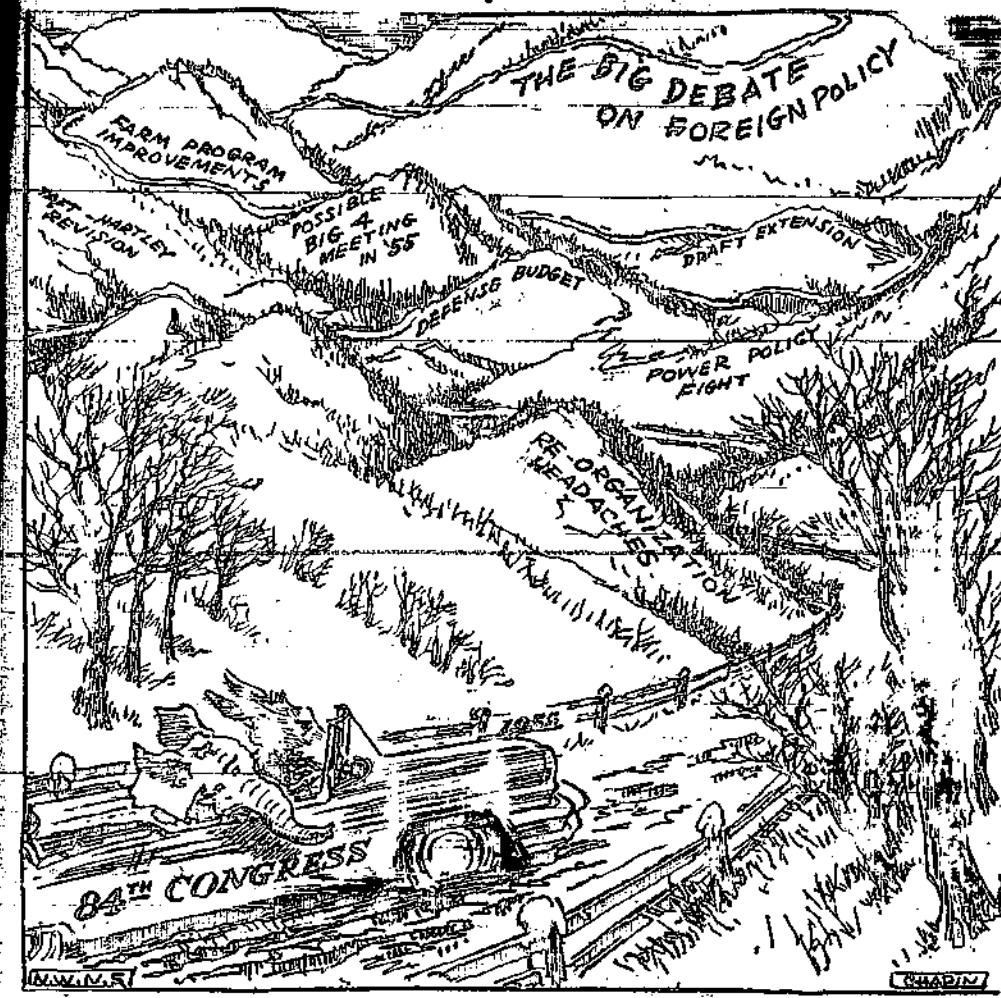
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THE LONG, LONG TRAIL



Vikings Host To Mancelona Ironmen This Friday Night

Kiwanis Club Notes

A discussion of the new committees named by President Leslie Hunter, their chairmen and functions was the theme of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling's weekly meeting held at the Lone Pine Inn Monday evening.

It was reported that President Hunter, Fred Welsh, Jr., Earl Burns and Art Clough would attend the Mid-Winter Kiwanis conference to be held in Jackson on January 9 and 10.

Club Secretary Robert Bove read a short report concerning the Kiwanis Christmas project. He stated that \$200 had been spent for clothing, \$10 for food and \$66 for dolls.

The December 27 meeting of the club was held at the Sorenson's Dining Room at which time, the new club officers were installed for the coming year by Lt. Governor-elect Donn Doten of Traverse City.

Dr. J. F. Cook reported that the Christmas toys and clothing-distribution went off without a hitch. A total of 194 children and 85 families were aided in the project. The Club gave a vote of thanks to the chairmen and to the Grayling Women's Club, Grayling Legion Post, Legion Instructor Wesley Kumpula, students and other school teachers without whose aid the project would not have been anywhere near as successful as it was.

Herb Wolff reported on the sale at the Kiwanis Christmas tree lot. Total sales were \$283.15 with a net profit to the club of \$10.00, it was reported.

Wesley LaGrow was presented with a five year perfect attendance pin. Among the guests at the meeting were Lt. L. Dale Burns, USAF and Mrs. Clare Burns, USN, both sons of Lt. Governor Earl Burns.

At a club organizational meeting held at the home of the new club president Leslie Hunter, committees for the coming year were named. All of the committees are responsible to Vice President Willard Cornell and each board member has three different committees functioning under his direction. John Latusek is in charge of Business and Public Affairs, Music and Vocational Guidance. The respective chairmen are John Latusek, Don Gohro and John MacAuley. Tom Welsh will guide the committee on Conservation and Agriculture, Boys and Girl Work and Inter Club Relations. The chairman of these three committees are Wesley LaGrow, Bruce Smith and T. P. Peterson. Phillip Smith is in charge of the committees on Public Relations, Attendance and Membership and Magazines. The chairmen are Robert Strong, Roy Milnes and Eric Post. Russell Carlson will take care of the committees on Underprivileged Children, House and Flowers for the Living. The chairmen are Dr. J. F. Cook, George Lockett and on the last committee named are Paul Burns, Charles Moore, Emil Gohro, Dr. Cook and Roy Milnes. William Hines will take care of the committees on Recreation and Kiwanis Education. He will chairman the first named committee, himself, with Art Clough chairman of the Education Committee. Herb Wolff will be responsible for the committees on Laws and Regulations, Social and Finance and Budget. The three chairmen are Charles Moore, Dr. Ed Rouda and Russell Allen.

DEMOCRATIC COMM. NOTICE

The Crawford County Democratic Committee will hold an election on January 14th at the

Kalkaska, Pellston Are The Next Week's Foes; Both Games Away

'Red' Hamilton Expected To Play

The Grayling High Vikings will return to basketball warfare in the Northern Class C conference Friday night as they entertain the orange and black-clad Ironmen of Mancelona.

The following week, the Vikings are to travel to Kalkaska on Tuesday night for a non-conference game and then take the long-long trip Friday night up to Pellston for another loop clash.

Co-captain Richard "Red" Hamilton left the Charlevoix game early due to fracture of a small bone in his wrist, is expected to be in shape to see at least some action Friday night. The injury came just three weeks ago Friday.

300 Kids Enjoy Legion Party

Over 800 Crawford County youngsters were entertained by the Grayling Post 106, American Legion on Thursday, December 23 at the Ninth Annual Kiddies Christmas party. For the first time, the party was held at the new Legion Hall and Bowling Alleys on US-27 south of the AuSable River. The prior eight Yuletide affairs had been held at the old Legion Hall on Peninsular Avenue. It was planned

there this year but a fire which

got out of hand in the furnace putting it out of commission made the revision of plans necessary.

Nine years ago, the event was established by the late Clarence "Johnny" Johnson and has become a regular-part of the Grayling holiday season. —Proceeds for the party are from donations of Post members and from others as well. The holiday fete is one of the largest in Northern Michigan for youngsters and is divided into seven groups in order that each youngster in each group may be served adequately.

The party, of course, is always highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus who greets each youngster. This year he handed out to those attending the party some 1,000 oranges, 1,000 apples, 4,000 cookies, 2,000 pieces of cake, 1,000 candy canes, 600 pounds of candy and 400 pounds of nuts.

Among those working on the committee which planned and carried out the party according to Post Commander Lyle Billsby were: Dr. Ralph Hoffman, James Post, Schuyler Gibson, John MacAuley, George Morrison, Dr. J. F. Cook and Axel Peterson.

Northland Youth Crusade Sponsors Rally

Everyone is invited to the first rally of the new year sponsored by the Northland Youth Crusade. Whether or not you or your church have participated before, you will be cordially welcomed to this month's meeting which will be held at the First Baptist Church of Frederic, Saturday, January 8, at 8:00 P. M. The speaker will be Rev. John Loggans of Roscommon.

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Carbon Monoxide Fatal To Couple

14 Others Given Honorable Mention

City Announces Six Winners Of Holiday Decoration Contest

The City of Grayling has announced three winners in each of the residential and commercial divisions of the Holiday decoration and lighting contest. Fourteen others were given honorable mention.

First place in both of the residential and commercial divisions was awarded a cash prize of \$20 each. They were: Residential, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Behling; commercial, Sorenson's Funeral Home. Second prize winners who were awarded a \$10 cash prize each were: Residential, Mr. and Mrs. John Latusek; commercial, Mosher Refrigeration Sales and Service.

Seven honorable mentions were named in each division with each being awarded a cash prize of \$5.

The seven honorable mention in the residential class were: Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Millkin, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Cox, Mrs. Ernest Borchers, Mrs. Calvin Church and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Korenecky. The seven honorable mention in the commercial class were: Grayling Mercantile Co., Johnson's Motel, Barringer's Men's Shop, Shoppenagons Inn, Weaver Bottle Gas and Appliance, Grayling Restaurant and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Judges who remain anonymous were selected from the Grayling Post 106, American Legion, the Grayling Woman's Club and the Kiwanis Club of Grayling. The judging was done during the week of December 22 to 29.

City Manager Russell Carlson speaking for the City of Grayling issued the following statement upon the announcement of the contest winners: "We wish to thank each and everyone in the City of Grayling and surrounding area who took part in making our town attractive in appearance during the celebration of the Christmas

season. Our hope for the coming Yuletide season of 1955, is to have a town lighted second to none. We can do it with everyone working together and towards a common goal."

City officials reported that they were immensely pleased with the increase in Yule decorations this year over a year ago. The city itself went much farther in the business district with Christmas decorating than the year before, added to this was the increase in Christmas lighting in the business places and residences of the city which totalled up to probably one of the finest year of Yule decorations in Grayling's history and remember it is expected to be brighter and gayer in 1955.

Miss Nina Bush, from Lewiston

President of the Winter Sports Council, predicts another record breaking year for skiers if the weather is suitable. She pointed to a recent survey conducted by Bureau of Research, Michigan State College, which reveals that the number of skiers have increased an average of 33% per year since 1945 and last year spent approximately \$6,500,000.00 in Michigan.

She said that the \$7,000.00 advertising program of the Council has been underway and includes newspaper and radio advertising, new winter sports folder listing all the facilities at the snow parks, the handling of snow condition reports for the press, and publicity.

Michigan Fishing Licenses Tak

Big Jump

When the new Michigan fishing licenses are required January 1, non-residents will pay \$4 for the annual, and \$3 for the \$15-day license. This is a dollar more for each one.

Last spring several bills were presented to the Michigan legislature calling for increases in the resident license, removal of the privilege under which a wife may fish with her husband's license, requirement of a license to fish in the Great Lakes, and an increase in the non-resident fee.

All the proposals to increase resident's fees were thrown out. The non-resident license was hiked 33% per cent.

This means that a husband and wife who live in Michigan can fish all year for \$1.50; a non-resident husband and wife must pay \$3.

There is no doubt that costs in

the Michigan Department of Conservation have increased greatly in the last few years. But why should state-supported game and

fishery be held responsible for this increase? Moreover, the fishing license is fast becoming one of Michigan's most popular fishing seasons in decades.

When this column carried a story last April concerning the increase in the non-resident license, it was pointed out that the increase in the non-resident license was held in front of the Shaffer home minutes later.

State Police captured a 14-year-old escapee from Boys Vocational School in Lansing at Mackinaw City after he was involved in an auto theft here. The youthful

escapee stole a car belonging to Leslie Hunter from the rear of his dairy building at about 10:15 A. M. on December 29. The youth had left another stolen car which he had driven in to Grayling in the alley at the rear of the Grayling Bottling Company before stealing Hunter's car.

Dean LeRoy Welch, 18, of Fred

eric is to appear before Justice Arthur Clough soon after being ticketed by the Grayling City Police for driving 35 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone in Grayling. He was ticketed last Sunday.

Two Injured As Car Dives Into River

Two persons were injured about noon on December 27, when a car went out of control and crashed through the railing of Smith's Bridge east of Grayling on M-72 and dove into the South Branch of the AuSable River.

Edmond L. DeChamplain, 63, of Hillman was driving his vehicle headed east toward Linoe when it skidded, tearing up about 10 feet of railing ending up in the river below on its side. Both DeChamplain and his wife, Margaret, 60, suffered severe cuts and bruises.

George A. Turbin, 45, of Manzola pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving before Justice Arthur Clough on December 27.

The bride chose a white suit for her wedding and wore an orchid corsage. Miss Patricia Madson was maid of honor. She wore a blue suit and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

Ronald B. Karslake was best man.

Mrs. Weakeley wore a blue suit with black accessories and a corsage of white mums.

A reception was held in the church parlors following the wedding. White and orchid mums graced the table from which the all-white wedding cake was served.

Lucille graduated from Grayling High School and Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant. Gordon is a graduate of Vanderbilt High School, attended Ferris Institute at Big Rapids and also graduated from Central Michigan College. He has served with the Army Reserve for years. Both young people teach school.

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EMTA Winter Council To Meet At Gaylord

Stein Eriksen, international downhill ski champ, will be principal speaker at the noon luncheon meeting of the East Michigan Winter Sports Council which will be held Friday, January 7, Snow Valley Ski Club near Gaylord.

Eriksen will discuss Michigan skiing and what can be done to encourage its further growth. Last year he won the FIS (International Federation of Skiing) downhill ski event, the Grand Slalom, in the last Olympics and the Harriman trophy at Sun Valley. He recently returned from Norway and is now Head Ski Instructor at Boyne Mountain Ski Lodge.

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Ohio Views

State's New

Fish License

The following column was carried in the Toledo, Ohio Times of December 22, 1954. The column entitled "Waters and Woods" is written by Lou Campbell. It was brought to the attention of the Avalanche by Virgil Wade of Lake Margrethe. Following is the column in entirety, printed with the express permission of the author:

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Stewart Atwell of Cass City was confirmed as park-ski champion again this season and Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Gossen were again given the food concession of the year. A letter of appreciation was sent to the administration.

The Air Force examining centers will conduct a screening of prospective candidates to determine mental and physical qualification and final appointment will be the result of a strictly competitive examination conducted by the Air Force at the state level.

POLIO VACCINE ANSWER SCHEDULED THIS SPRING

The annual March of Dimes opened this week with a sober note of caution from Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Pointing out that "we still do not know if the trial polio vaccine has prevented one case of paralytic polio," Mr. O'Connor stated that

"this factor, plus the large number of patients still needing help, means that fighting polio is a big job now."

"I know that parents are anxiously waiting for the answer," Mr. O'Connor said. "The scientific evaluation of the vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk is a time-consuming and precise job involving detailed records on 1,800,000 children who either were vaccinated or are acting as

controls."

The Poliomyelitis Vaccine Evaluation Center at the University of Michigan is now studying data on children in 14,000 schools in the 217 study areas.

27 Laboratories at Work

Twenty-seven laboratories are processing and testing some 40,000 blood samples taken from children in 14 states.

The purpose was to make some

vaccine available immediately, if licensed, and to keep manufacturing facilities loaded up for continued production.

If the vaccine evaluation report is negative or inconclusive, March of Dimes-financed vaccine research will be intensified. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis research program was halted during

New Year's Eve Party Turns Into A Double Tragedy In County

Found In Car Stuck In Snow

Carbon Monoxide, the quiet and odorless, but very deadly poison, was claimed to have killed two lives in Crawford County as the new year of 1955 was still in its very first few hours. The freak mishap occurred as Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steiger of South Branch township were returning home from a New Year's Eve party early Saturday morning.

They had gone about a mile on the county highway when their car suddenly skidded while climbing a hill, and became stuck in about a foot of snow on the road shoulder.

They had made an attempt to free the vehicle, but failed, tracks around the auto showed. They then apparently decided to wait for assistance and left the motor of the

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Michigan Mirror

Michigan Will Take another searching look at its blessings next May 15-21.

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mayors for a day and the citizenry will be told in an organized campaign what makes Michigan the "Water Wonderland."

This is a sort of reverse public relations — telling our own people what they have," said Harris K. Miller, chief of the information and research division of the Economic Development department.

Dr. Grover C. Dillman, president of the Houghton College of Mining and Technology, will be the 1955 chairman, and he is looking for a theme for the special week.

There is a good chance that when a theme is selected, it will emphasize the cultural side of our state," he said.

Michigan's woods and waters, its business and industry, held the focal point in last year's celebration.

Promoters hope to tie in the centennial celebrations at the Soo Locks and Michigan State College. Special programs are planned for each.

Behind the Michigan Week observance is Greater Michigan, Inc., a special corporation organized for the purpose.

More than 300 mayors from Detroit (pop. 1,849,568) to Britton (pop. 517) traded offices last May 5 and "learned a lot of new ideas and received numerous honors from their new towns," Dr. Dillman said.

Biggest event during the 1954 celebration were the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Straits of Mackinac Bridge at both St. Ignace in the Upper Peninsula and Mackinaw City in the Lower. It featured parades, fireworks, street dancing and speeches by Michigan notables.

"We want to make this one the biggest and best," Miller said.

Split-second politics made the big difference when Gov. Williams appointed Talbot Smith, an Ann Arbor attorney, to fill a vacancy on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Justice George E. Bushnell retired to take a high Masonic office in Boston, ending a long career on the bench.

Bushnell submitted to Williams his request for retirement status and applied for state pension benefits, effective Dec. 31, 1954 — a date displeasing to the strategists.

If the retirement date had remained fixed, Bushnell's successor, appointed by Williams, would have faced a campaign for election in the Spring of 1955.

Bushnell changed the date to Jan. 1, 1955, leaving his successor in office unchallenged until 1956 when the term normally expires.

One Democratic aide revived a popular song, quipping: "What a difference 10 days make."

Michigan's top law enforcement officers want to catch gamblers in a Federal-state squeeze.

Gambling, except pari-mutuel betting at legalized horse tracks, is outlawed in the state but only this year has the situation developed for the new police proposal.

Federal authorities, realizing that gambling is legal in some states, asked — and got — from Congress a law requiring these sporting fellows to get a license.

Now, Michigan police, prosecutors and sheriffs, are asking the legislature to pass a law making possession of a Federal license a violation of the state statute against gambling.

"We want to make it a question of where a gambler wants to serve his prison sentence — in a

state or in a Federal prison," said one police officer.

Senate Republicans have softened their promise that they would confirm all of Gov. Whelan's appointments "in-their-jobs" if he won re-election in 1954.

They held back action on 39 last winter to leave the appointments open if they elected a Republican governor. This is normal political strategy.

When Whelan won again and swept in his entire ticket, the disheartened Republicans said they would "blanket" the appointments held over and confirm 34 others named since the last session.

"Now we're not so sure," said Senator Edward Hutchinson (R-Pennville).

Hutchinson, chairman of the Senate business committee, which first must approve appointments, said the chamber will have a dozen new faces next year and it would be unfair to let a decision on them.

He said:

"We'll look over all the appointments, as we have in the past, and judge their qualifications on their merits."

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POACHING PROBLEM

Current fishing regulations in Michigan, relaxed on many species in 1954, as seasons go, make poaching certain game fish a major problem. In many waters complaints of this situation are widespread.

All lakes, including the Great Lakes, are open to fishing for some species the whole year 'round. Perch, Calicoes, Rock Bass, Whitefish, White Bass, Catfish, Carp, Suckers, Smelt and a number of others may be fished anytime anywhere. Many of these occur in the same waters with our two outstanding favorite game fish — Black Bass and Great Northern Pike.

What often happens should be obvious. Big pike and bass are hooked and landed out of season. The temptation to poach is there — and as much as we dislike to report it the practice is growing every season.

Bass and Pike Spawning

In late April, May and early June pike and bass are going into their annual spawning season. While on their beds they are often fearless, and will hit any lure dropped or cast near them. Because of open regulations on many other species living in the same lakes, fishermen are always on hand, and can scarcely help hooking a protected bass or pike now and then. The

good sportsman will handle the fish carefully, and release it. But all fishermen are not good sportsmen — again we regret to report. And with a million licensed anglers in Michigan, enforcement becomes a tough problem! Too many bass and pike are illegally put on stringers and taken home at a time when their lives could produce millions of young to maintain and improve future fishing.

Great Lakes Problem

In Lake St. Clair flagrant violation is taking place, according to numerous reports from reputable guides, boat livery operators, and conscientious citizens who have repeatedly witnessed the law breakers. Perch fishermen hook in late spring and early summer before the season is opened on these species. Many of the fish are still spawning, some have not yet started. While two or three conservation enforcement officers may be on duty at the time, their job is frustrating. Stringers are cut as they approach, and evidence goes to the bottom of the lake. The answer to the problem is to open the eyes of these violators. They are wrecking a treasured stock of fine game fish. They are killing off their own future sport. As a good sportsman it's your job to help stop ending violations in Michigan Outdoors.

Walter SanCarter and children

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wilcox and son The Bud Clegg left Saturday morning for a few days visit with relatives in Flushing.

Federal or State lookup?

Enjoying Christmas at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Whiston were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Palmer and 2 sons, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. Arvelle Armstrong of Sault Ste. Marie spent last weekend at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Hummel and daughter Sue spent Christmas Day with the Stanley Hummels. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hummel Sr. and Mr. and Mrs.

Arthur Howse and Pam.

Mrs. Henry Verlinde is at home

She has been with her daughter Mrs. Ken Allen in Bay City since she was released from the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wilcox and daughter Maryleene moved into the Verlinde home to care for Mrs. Mae Verlinde who arrived home on Christmas Eve from her daughter's in Flint, where she has been convalescing from her recent injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith entertained the members of the Thompson family at a belated Christmas dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reihl of Mt. Pleasant spent Christmas day at the Ed Feldhauser home. Mrs. Reihl remaining to spend a few days with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith spent a few days over Christmas with their children and grandchildren in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Plagens and family spent Christmas in New Haven with relatives.

Bessie Feldhauser is enjoying the between Holiday week vacationing from her duties at the A & P Store.

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Frederic News

(Too Late For Last Week)

Happy New Year, Everybody. Happy Mrs. Elmer Corsaut, Mr. and Mrs. Morden Post, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Post and Gary spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Corsaut and family at Mio.

Mrs. Gilbert Cram went to Flint to spend Christmas with their son Jimmy Cram and family. Mr. Cram of Detroit met her there.

Mrs. Esther Roth of Pontiac spent Christmas with her parents the C. S. Barbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen and son Freddy had Christmas dinner with her parents, the C. S. Barbers. Mrs. Allen roasted the Turkey and prepared the dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Alvira Smeek spent Christmas in Saginaw with her granddaughters, the Robert Knox's and the Junior Gaediners.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stephan are the parents of a baby girl born on Dec. 23rd. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and will be known as Holly Jean.

14 members of the Elroy Barber family spent Christmas at their home in Frederic. Including the new grand-daughter, Miss Rita of Petoskey and Vic Papenick of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nowlin and two sons of Roscommon visited in Frederic Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Kequon came to visit last week with his mother the Henry Bakers at Bakers place. The Henry Bakers went to Traverse City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mattson spent Christmas in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartman and son Franklin spent Christmas in Detroit with their children.

Dean Welch got home from the Air Force on a furlough from Texas.

Shop party was held at the Shop on Thursday noon, Dec. 23rd. Each Employee received a Turkey from the Shop.

Mrs. Bessie Cooke is much better this week.

Arvel Cox of Walled Lake was up for Christmas with his wife here.

Mrs. Mary Sajdak and family spent Christmas in Detroit.

The Barstle Cross are installing a new TV set.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard of Chelsen called on some friends Thursday.

Archie Lozon, Earl Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferrell were Christmas guests of the Robert Lozons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madill and children of Moultrie, Georgia, John Madill, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hillaker of Flint, and the Bill Tolbins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morarity of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell of Bay City all had Christmas dinner at the Charles Madill.

The Rev. John Weld's had open house from 4 till 8 Christmas eve for 48 Frederic folks. Dainty cookies, coffee, tea and punch were served by Mrs. Weld.

The Marvin Weavers spent Christmas in Buchanan with his son, the Noah Weavers.

The New Years eve watch nite service will be held in church and parsonage from 9 to midnight with singing, testimonials, prayers, luncheons and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kellogg and daughters Cheryl and Allyn of Saginaw spent Christmas and the following week at Mrs. Kellogg's family home.

Mr. Ace Iseng of Traverse City here.

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Merchant Marine Important.

"The expression 'landlocked states' is merely a graphic term—and definitely not an economic one." That striking thought was expressed in a recent talk by Alexander Purdon, executive director of the Committee of American Steamship Lines, entitled "The West and the Merchant Marine." And he had a battery of facts to support it.

In all probability, relatively few of us realize the extent to which the economic health and military strength of this country are dependent on foreign trade. Mr. Purdon pointed out, we are the world's largest exporter and importer. For many countries we are the best supplier and the biggest market. With only five percent of the world's population we produce well over one-tenth of the world's total output of goods and services.

The livelihood of many a worker who has never been on an ocean depends on the commerce the oceans bear. Our exports amount to \$15,000,000,000 a year and provide employment for some 3,000,000 men and women of the United States. Imports amount to about \$10,000,000,000. Of this Mr. Purdon said, "Actually the effect of this trade on individual sectors is greater than the figures indicate."

To take a major example, one-third of our vast meat production is shipped aboard. About a tenth of our cropland is needed to produce our farm exports alone. Since 1945, the value of agricultural exports has been equal to one-eighth of the total farm income. And, on the other side, we depend heavily on foreign sources for such things as coffee, tea, spices and sugar, "ocean transportation," to quote Mr. Purdon again, "is an indispensable link between U. S. farms and U. S. factories and the markets and material resources of foreign lands."

Mr. Purdon's committee is engaged in a series of economic surveys to measure the importance of the American Merchant Marine to inland states. Some have

been completed, and in each case it has been found that international trade and ocean-going transportation are vital to their economies. The steel industry, for instance, is one of our principal employers. That industry depends upon ships to bring it 15 basic raw materials from the five continents of the globe. Automobiles, trucks and busses—which account for an enormous amount of employment—could not be manufactured without some 250 imported materials that are brought in by ship from 56 foreign countries.

Moreover, as Mr. Purdon also observed, by 1975 our population will be 40,000,000 greater than now—which means that "we are going to need more energy, more transportation, more raw materials, more farm produce to maintain that vast population at our American standard of living which will doubtless also increase." In this evolution, foreign trade will play an important role. And so, inevitably, will our merchant marine.

**In Grayling
23 Years Ago**

Interesting Items of News Gathered From the Files of the Avalanche of 23 Years Ago.

23 Years Ago—January 7, 1932

The Charity Ball sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Aid Society and presented under the direction of its president, Mrs. Emil Giegling, was given for the benefit of Mercy Hospital and proved a very delightful social affair. At eleven-fifteen the guests were entertained by a program of dances, the first-number being tap dancing by the Misses Ellis and Margarette Hanson. The party was as usual, a very charming, delightful affair and a credit to the various committees. General chairman, Mrs. Emil Giegling; Music, Mrs. C. G. Clipper; Advisory, Mrs. Esbern Hanson; Publicity, Mrs. C. R. Keyport; and Lunch, Mrs. C. G. Clipper. The decorating was done by Mr. LaVere Cushman and a group of high school students for which they deserve much credit.

John Dillan, age about 80 years, passed away at the County Infirmary Monday morning. Mr. Dillan had been a resident of Grayling for the past 40 years and was a day watchman in the Salling Hanson Co. lumber mills here until his health began to fail and he was unable to work. Mr. Dillan was born in Ireland. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Sorenson Chapel.

Miss Clara Bugby is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Monroe Porter, and family in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger of Lansing spent New Years visiting Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan and Mrs. Celia Granger and family.

Mrs. P. W. Martin, mother of Mrs. Martin arrived Wednesday from Flint, where she has been visiting over the holidays. After

a few days visit here at the home of her son she will leave for her home in St. Ignace.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrill and children of Lovells visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Montauk.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Creen entertained the latter's sister, Miss Helen Creen and William Anderson of Bay City over New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City spent New Years at the home of Mrs. Clara McLeod and the

Mrs. Henry LaFayette of Vandenberg is visiting J. C. Leverton and family for a few days.

Misses Evelyn and Lillian Jordan spent the weekend visiting relatives in Niles and Bay City.

Mrs. Edith LaMotte, Miss Alyce Malloy and Miss Mary Harris are spending the week in Detroit visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVere Cushman and son Robert, spent New Years visiting relatives in Lapeer. Ley Dunham returned from Detroit Monday where they had been visiting relatives during the holiday season.

Mrs. T. Bessom and daughter Mrs. Louis Herbison and son Robert returned from Ann Arbor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schmidt, son Howard and daughter Marie returned today from Los Angeles, California, where they had been visiting for some time.

An evening bridge party was given Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milner to sixteen of their friends. Every detail was so arranged to make the affair delightful. Mrs. C. G. Clipper and Mr. A. J. Joseph held the high scores.

Mrs. James Reynolds and son James and Mrs. L. J. Smeek accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Green of Roscommon motored to West Branch Sunday evening owing to the death of Charles Morris, age 22, of West Branch who was killed in an auto accident New Years day in Indiana. Charles was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of West Branch and a student at Alma College.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates had a happy household over Christmas. It was the first time in eleven years that the family had all been together on this holiday and it was a very enjoyable occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jerome and family, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermann and little daughter, Grand Rapids; Lieut. and Mrs. R. E. and children East Lansing, all were there.

Miss Helen Woodburn returned to Mt. Pleasant after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Stanley Hummel entertained the Larkin Club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon is spending a few weeks in Detroit visiting her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huffman of Roscommon visited Mrs. Huffman's mother, Mrs. Lola Papenfus.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hathaway returned Sunday morning to Lansing after spending the holidays visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Hermann.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson enjoyed having as their New Years guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Pobur and daughters, Beryl and Nadine, of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson and children of Gaylord.

Mr. J. G. Leverton was called to Vanderbilt New Years day by the death of her father, Henry LaFayette. The funeral services were held Sunday and Mr. Leverton and daughters joined Mrs. Leverton to be in attendance.

Wesley and Henry LaGrove left for Detroit Monday afternoon to accompany their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrove home.

Mrs. Helen B. Routier and son Ralph returned to their home in Detroit after spending the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and

Wednesday, January 12

11:15—Sign On

11:30—Feminine Touch

12:30—Search for Tomorrow

12:45—Kings Crossroads

1:15—Road of Life

1:30—Feature Film

2:30—Around the Coffee Cup

3:30—Homemakers' Time

4:30—Bob Crosby

4:45—The Brighter Day

5:00—Western Theatre

5:30—The Little Show

6:30—WWTV Playhouse

7:30—Christopher Program

8:00—Wrestling

8:30—That's My Money

9:30—Break the Bank

10:00—Hockey, Red Wings

10:30—Starlight Theatre

10:45—WWTV Playhouse

Sunday, January 6

5:15—Sign On

5:30—Sunday Matinee

6:30—You Are There

7:00—Amos 'n' Andy

7:30—Private Secretary

8:00—Toast of the Town

9:00—G. E. Theatre

9:30—Break the Bank

10:00—Hockey, Red Wings

10:30—News Nightcap

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Monday, January 7

11:15—Sign On

11:30—Feminine Touch

12:30—Search for Tomorrow

12:45—Kings Crossroads

1:15—Road of Life

1:30—Feature Film

2:30—Around the Coffee Cup

3:30—Homemakers' Time

4:30—Bob Crosby

4:45—The Brighter Day

5:00—Secret Storm

5:30—The Little Show

6:30—WWTV Playhouse

7:30—Christopher Program

8:00—Wrestling

8:30—That's My Money

9:30—Break the Bank

10:00—Hockey, Red Wings

10:30—Starlight Theatre

11:00—News Nightcap

Tuesday, January 8

11:15—Sign On

11:30—Feminine Touch

12:30—Search for Tomorrow

12:45—Kings Crossroads

1:15—Road of Life

1:30—Feature Film

2:30—Around the Coffee Cup

3:30—Homemakers' Time

4:30—Bob Crosby

4:45—The Brighter Day

5:00—Western Theatre

5:30—The Little Show

6:30—WWTV Playhouse

7:30—Christopher Program

8:00—Wrestling

8:30—That's My Money

9:30—Break the Bank

10:00—Hockey, Red Wings

10:30—Starlight Theatre

11:00—News Nightcap

Wednesday, January 10

11:15—Sign On

11:30—Feminine Touch

12:30—Search for Tomorrow

12:45—Kings Crossroads

1:15—Road of Life

1:30—Feature Film

2:30—Around the Coffee Cup

3:30—Homemakers' Time

4:30—Bob Crosby

4:45—The Brighter Day

5:00—Western Theatre

5:30—The Little Show

6:30—WWTV Playhouse

7:30—Christopher Program

8:00—Wrestling

8:30—That's My Money

9:30—Break the Bank

10:00—Hockey, Red Wings

10:30—Starlight Theatre

BITS O' TALK

Rev. Hollie Luter and returned home Saturday evening a week in Detroit relatives.

Hilton of Lansing spent days visiting his parents, Mrs. George Hilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong were co-hosts at an open house New Years day at the Piper home.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Elmore Henig and children left for Detroit New Years morning to visit his father, Clarence Henig and also Dr. C. R. Keyport, who are patients at Harper Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Piper and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph were co-hosts at a dinner party at the Henig residence New Years eve.

Following dinner contests were enjoyed. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Charles Piper, Mrs. Willard Cornell, Dr. Leonard Allison and Dr. Edward Rodda.

Miss Mary Dunlap of Detroit spent Christmas visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin. Also here was their son and family, the Edward Martins, who also visited her parents, the T. F. Petersons.

Good news for skiers. Skyline Ski Club is open Wednesday evenings as well as Friday and Saturday evenings.

R. M. 3/C and Mrs. Gene Crawford of Norfolk, Virginia, spent the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford. Gene was enjoying a leave from the Navy. Also home were Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford of Royal Oak and Ted Crawford of Great Lakes. Ted was enjoying a 15 day leave from the Navy. Maynard Molitor joined Mrs. Molitor (Norma Crawford) and spent the holidays here with the Crawfords. She returned to Texas with him where he is stationed with the Army.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport left last Monday to spend some time in Detroit. On Tuesday Dr. Keyport entered Harper Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner spent a day in Traverse City.

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daughter, Susan, spent several days in Detroit visiting her mother. All returned home Monday.

Mrs. William Chesney of Munising and Mrs. Belle Hatch of Leslie left for their home Sunday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph and Miss Phyllis and Mrs. Sigma Randolph spent Monday in Cadillac visiting the Stanley Stephan family.

The Shoppenagons Inn Dining Room will be open Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Pvt. Bob Barnett returned last Friday to Camp Pendleton, Calif., after spending a ten day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Keyport.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Hanson spent Christmas in Saginaw visiting Sigurd Johnson and family. The Hansons spent New Years in Kalkaska visiting Howard Gran and daughter.

The Misses Florence and Myrtle Huddleston of Grand Rapids spent last Tuesday and Wednesday visiting the Dr. Edward Rodda family.

New Years eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berry were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield, Sr. and Roger. Mr. and Mrs. Don Legg and family spent New Years day visiting the Berrys.

Little Warren Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Hatfield of Kawkawlin, returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berry.

On Friday, Warren was six years old and Mrs. Berry entertained six little boys and girls with cake and ice cream. He received many nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinson of Alpena and Mrs. Jennie Pinson of Gibralter spent New Years Day with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull. Mrs. Hull's mother remained to spend the week with them.

Vernon Gardiner of Wyandotte spent the New Years week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley. He was accompanied by his wife and children, Mrs. Noreen Gardiner, Michael, Mary Claire and Kevin who had spent ten days visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rokos, Ernie, Jr., George and Billy of Traverse City, spent last week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley and the Gardiners.

Mrs. F. S. Bell and a party of young people spent the week end at their camp Wa Wa Sum and enjoyed the skiing at Otsego Ski Club.

James M. Klein, who is attending General Motors Institute and is employed in Flint, visited his parents Christmas and New Years week end.

Mrs. Barbara Klein, R. N., and guest Mr. John W. Ugo of Detroit visited several days with Miss Klein's parents. Miss Klein is employed at the Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Cooksey and daughter, Miss Barbara, spent the New Years week end at Sunrise. Their son and daughter, and families, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Cooksey and infant son and the Rev. and Mrs. Brad Rorer joined them for the week end and have remained for a two weeks stay.

Dr. and Mrs. Cooksey called on the Don Millikins Friday to see their shiny new daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth.

Closing out sale, Home Craft Shop, January 10 thru 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Peterson and children of Lansing spent the New Years week end visiting his mother, Mrs. Bertha Peterson and brother, John and family.

The December meeting of Home Extension Group 5 was held at the home of Mrs. Carl Hanson on the East Branch of the AuSable. A Christmas dinner was enjoyed. Games were played during the evening and gifts exchanged. Decorations were in the Christmas motif.

Guests at the E. R. Burns home over Christmas week end were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burns and Jimmie of Lubbock, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns and children Nancy and Sandy of Traverse City; Ensign Clare Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seaman of Alden.

Mrs. Ella Wilcox spent the New

Year week end in Higgins Lake

as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montague, Jr., of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder of Bay City were also guests of the Montagues.

Miss Peggy Snyder spent the week end visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Oscar Hanson and cousin, Miss Nancy Wilcox.

The Thorwald Sorensons left Sunday to spend week in Detroit. Mrs. Sorenson entered Harper Hospital Wednesday for surgery.

Mrs. Ester Peterson returned home Friday after spending a week in Garden City visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Lewis and husband.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Funk and family of Lansing spent Christmas week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Funk.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frysinger and daughters of Lansing spent the Christmas holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven.

A 2/C Robert Golnick arrived home December 23rd from Castle A. F. B., Calif., and is spending a month furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Golnick.

Duane Worden, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Arthur Worden and George McEvans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvans have enlisted in the Army Signal Corps and left Thursday for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lance of Wilson, New York, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Minnie Harley, Mrs. Harley spent Xmas in Rose City with her daughter and family, the John Seleckys.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts and family and Mary Lou and Bernie Callahan of Bay City spent December 26th visiting Mary Lou and Bernie's grandmother, Mrs. Helen Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fowler entertained 38 guests on New Years eve.

Guests were present from Pontiac, Gladwin and Grayling.

The party was potluck including entertainment, cheer and lunch.

Everyone contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Valad of Pontiac were week end guests of the

Fowlers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schubert

reurned home Monday after

U-M Readies Movie on Soo Locks



WORKING MODEL OF SOO LOCKS MADE AT U-M—Tiny Great Lakes freighters slowly wend their way through this working scale model of the Soo Locks at the University of Michigan as the U-M Audio-Visual Education Center nears completion of a motion picture which will help mark the locks' 100th anniversary next year. While most of the film was shot at Sault Ste. Marie, the campus model was made to show in cross section how the locks work. When available, the film may be obtained from the U-M Center for showings.

Christmas Parties

At St. Mary's

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, members of St. Mary's Ladies Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party.

After a brief business meeting Fr. John Breckenstein was presented with a Christmas gift from the club.

A tableau of the Nativity Scene

was then enacted by children

from St. Mary's School while the Glee Club sang Christmas Carols.

At the conclusion of this un-

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which was a new experience for the Ladies Club and was greatly enjoyed.

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